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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Sir:

In response to the requirement in 37 C.F.R. §1.2, 37 C.F.R. §1.133, and MPEP §713.04, that Applicants provide a statement of the substance of an interview, Applicant hereby submits the following summary.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner Tsegaye and Supervisory Examiner Pezzlo for taking time from their busy schedule to conduct a personal interview on October 27, 2004, for the above-referenced Application. The interview was courteous and professional, and it is believed by Applicant's representative that prosecution has been advanced because of this interview.

Concerning the substance of the interview, Applicant's representative presented a summary of the present invention as described, for example, by claim 1. The focus of the discussion was on the aspect of the present invention in which there is no intervening SONET transmission line such as taught in US Patent 6,141,339 to Kaplan et al.

The Examiners raised a concern that the current claim language does not definitely preclude the interpretation that the SONET line is present. Applicant's representative

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countered that the description in the claims of the After-Final Amendment filed on October 14, 2004, makes clear reference to a subscriber side apparatus and a station side apparatus interconnected by a subscriber line.

The Examiners maintained their position, and Applicant's representative agreed to provide a draft claim revision to Examiner Tsegaye to attempt to develop language acceptable to the Examiners that precludes the interpretation that the claims do not read on the SONET configuration of Kaplan.

Respectfully submitted,



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